Master of Science in Nursing
Nursing Education – Post-Master's Certificate (World Wide Web)

Concentration Description

Nurses with a master of science in nursing degree may complete the nursing education concentration courses to earn a post-master's certificate. Applicants for the post-master's certificate complete a certificate application for ECU Graduate School and are not required to provide GRE or MAT scores. Minimum hours for completion of this certificate are 13 semester hours.

Requirements for Admission

Admission requires the student to meet the minimum admission requirements for graduate study of the university and the following requirements of the College of Nursing:

- A master of science degree in nursing from an accredited program
- Current non-restricted license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) in North Carolina or an NCSBN-compact state. (Individual advisement will be necessary for licensure regulations for online out-of-state students.)
- A statement of purpose essay describing the applicant's interest in graduate study, career goals and the certificate's relationship to those goals
- Three professional references
- A personal or telephone interview with a member of the graduate faculty

The concentration director will review the post-masters certificate student's transcripts and professional experiences in comparison to the program requirements to determine the appropriate plan of study for the individual student. All student transcripts will be reviewed for evidence of a graduate level clinical course. If one does not exist, the student will be required to take NURS 6208 (*Concepts of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention for Advanced Nursing Prac*tice) to meet the requirement. All post-masters certificate students will be required to complete a terminal program assessment as advised by the concentration director in the final semester.

Requirements for Clinical Courses

Information regarding clinical requirements can be found in the ECU College of Nursing Student Handbook at: www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/nursing/customcf/downloads/handbooks/grad_handbook.pdf Upon admission all graduate students are required to complete a criminal background check. Students will receive specific instructions from the Office of Student Services on how to complete this process. The concentration director will review the post-master's certificate student's transcripts to determine the appropriate plan of study for the individual student.

Sample Curriculum Plan – Full-Time

First-Year Students

Fall Semester

NURS 6903	Curriculum Development in Nursing	3
	Semester Total	**3**

Spring Semester

NURS 6904	Educational Concepts, Theories, and Strategies in Nursing	3
	Semester Total	**3**

Summer Semester

NURS 6909	Evaluation in Nursing Education	3
	Semester Total	**3**

Second-Year Students

Fall Semester

*NURS 6905	Nursing Education Role Practicum I	3
**NURS 6993	Advanced Nursing Synthesis	1
	Semester Total	**4**

Curriculum Total 13

Upon completion of the Nursing Education Post-Master's Certificate the student will meet the education requirements to sit for the NLN certified Nurse Educator (CNE) examination.

*Students who have had substantial teaching experience may be exempt from NURS 6905 and take NURS 6908 Nursing Education Role II instead. This is a director decision.

**Students who completed NURS 6993 to earn a previous Master of Science in Nursing degree from ECU will satisfy this requirement by taking NURS 6500, Independent Study (1sh), to demonstrate professional competencies of the certificate program.

Requirements for Graduation

- All graduate students are required to maintain a grade average of "B."
- Graduation application must be submitted at least one semester prior to completing the degree requirements as stated in the graduate catalog.
- Students who do not register for courses for a semester must complete an electronic readmission form (available at www.ecu.edu/gradschool/ and in the Graduate School Office).
- Students are required to keep graduate program/health requirements and liability insurance requirements up to date throughout their
- program.
- All post-master's certificate students will be required to complete a terminal program assessment as advised by the concentration

director in the final semester.

The master's program at East Carolina University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K St., Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001. Phone: 202.887.6791

The University

The university is the third largest in the University of North Carolina system (UNC), which consists of the state's sixteen degree-granting public institutions. ECU is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees and is designated as an academic health center by the Association of American Health Centers. Governed by its own Board of Trustees, which is responsible to the UNC Board of Governors, ECU offers 80 departmental certificates, 93 baccalaureate degree programs, 76 master's degree programs, two specialist degree programs, six first professional programs, and 15 doctoral programs in our professional colleges, the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Dental Medicine, and the Brody School of Medicine. It confers more than 5,800 degrees annually and it has approximately 160,000 alumni.

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